

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I know you're probably receiving thousands of these "canned" messages. However, it states the facts. I am so outraged by this abuse of the public airwaves. What if every radio and/or TV station could simply air whatever lies it wanted in order to promote an agenda? I think this would be a totally fascist society. To quote the famous remark during the McCarthy hearings: "...have (we) no decency?" Propaganda like the aforementioned TV doc should not be aired as legitimate programming. What in God's name has happened to this country?

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.